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**The Hill - EPA to reach out to farmers on water jurisdiction rule** - 7/1/14 - Environmental Protection Agency officials are planning to meet with farmers and agricultural interests this summer about their proposal to redefine the extent of the federal government's water jurisdiction, starting with a visit next week to Missouri. <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/211111-epa-to-reach-out-to-farmers-on-water-jurisdiction-rule>

**St. Louis Public Radio - State Concerned About Potential For Surface Fire At Bridgeton Landfill** - 7/1/14 - State agency officials are concerned that the underground fire at the Bridgeton Landfill could break through to the surface. That scenario was raised in a recent memo by landfill fire expert Todd Thalhamer, who has been consulting for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. <http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/state-concerned-about-potential-surface-fire-bridgeton-landfill>

**Lincoln Journal-Star (Neb.) - Farm groups want EPA out of their waterways** - 7/1/14 - Protection Agency to stay out of his puddles. Reed and other farmers and ranchers across the nation have both barrels aimed at a rule change under the Clean Water Act being proposed by the EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. [http://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/federal-politics/farm-groups-want-epa-out-of-their-waterways/article\\_1cc0a5b1-7a18-5529-adb0-4f364c9dcd8e.html](http://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/federal-politics/farm-groups-want-epa-out-of-their-waterways/article_1cc0a5b1-7a18-5529-adb0-4f364c9dcd8e.html)

**Grand Island Independent (Neb.) - Common Sense Nebraska: Ag coalition challenging EPA water rule** - 7/1/14 - A coalition of agricultural organizations called Common Sense Nebraska has formed to prevent implementation of a proposed Environmental Protection Agency rule that the coalition said would "vastly expand the federal agency's authorities over farms and ranches." [http://www.theindependent.com/news/ag\\_news/ag-coalition-challenging-epa-water-rule/article\\_03f351f6-019d-11e4-882e-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.theindependent.com/news/ag_news/ag-coalition-challenging-epa-water-rule/article_03f351f6-019d-11e4-882e-001a4bcf887a.html)

**Kansas Ag Network - Kansas Ag Alliance Asks State Leaders to Help Defeat EPA Plan** - 7/1/14 - Groups belonging to the Kansas Agricultural Alliance (KAA) are calling on the state's congressional delegation, Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback and Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt to join forces against a federal proposal that would place additional burdens on farmers, ranchers and rural businesses. <http://kansasagnetwork.com/2014/kansas-ag-alliance-asks-state-leaders-to-help-defeat-epa-plan/>

**KHAS Ch. 5 Hastings, Neb. - "Common Sense Nebraska" And The EPA (video)** - 7/1/14 - Farmers across the state are fighting back against the Environmental Protection Agency over water rights. Agricultural groups have formed the coalition Common Sense Nebraska to fight back against the EPA's Waters of the U.S. rule. The ruling would have a big effect on local farmers. <http://www.khastv.com/story/common-sense-nebraska-20140701>

**KTIC Radio, West Point, Neb. - Nebraska Ag Groups Join Forces To Oppose EPA's "Water of the U.S." Rule** - 7/1/14 - Nebraska agriculture organizations have joined forces under the umbrella of 'Common Sense Nebraska', a new coalition formed to push back on EPA's "Waters of the U.S." Rule. The EPA proposal would vastly expand the federal agency's authorities over farms and ranches. <http://kticradio.com/index.php?more=3mxv5xhx>

**Lexington Clipper-Herald (Neb.) - Farm Groups Challenge EPA Water Rule** - 7/1/14 - A coalition of agricultural organizations called Common Sense Nebraska has formed to prevent implementation of a proposed Environmental Protection Agency rule. Common Sense Nebraska includes the Nebraska Cattlemen, Nebraska Corn Growers Association, Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation, Nebraska Pork Producers Association, Nebraska Poultry Industries, Nebraska Soybean Association and Nebraska State Dairy Association. [http://lexch.com/news/regional/farm-groups-challenge-epa-water-rule/article\\_8dc7f826-017c-11e4-b8c0-0019bb2963f4.html](http://lexch.com/news/regional/farm-groups-challenge-epa-water-rule/article_8dc7f826-017c-11e4-b8c0-0019bb2963f4.html)

**KOLN/KGIN/KSNB Ch. 10/11 Grand Island, Neb. - Farmers Push Back Against Proposed EPA Water Rule** - 7/1/14 - Different agriculture organizations came together to take a stand Tuesday against the EPA's proposed new water ruling, which could make farmers lose control of their land. <http://www.1011now.com/home/headlines/Farmers-Push-Back-Against-Proposed-EPA-Water-Rule-265449391.html>

**Associated Press - Nebraska coalition fighting new water law proposal** - 7/1/14 - Some Nebraska farm and ranch groups have formed a coalition to fight what they say is a power grab by the Environmental Protection Agency. The group called Common Sense Nebraska was announced Tuesday and includes the Nebraska Cattlemen and Nebraska Corn Growers Association among its members. <http://www.miamiherald.com/2014/07/01/4212525/nebraska-coalition-fighting-new.html>

**KNOP Ch. 2 North Platte, Neb. - Ditch The Rule: Campaign designed to fight EPA regulations on water** - 7/1/14 - A new campaign is under way from members of the Common Sense Nebraska Coalition. Ditch the Rule is designed to take a stand to repeal the EPA waters of the U.S. Rule, that would greatly expand the federal agencies authority over farmers and ranchers, possibly leading to new requirements and regulations. <http://www.knopnews2.com/story/ditch-the-rule-20140701>

**Farm Futures (blog) - EPA's Latest Foe: Congress | Lawmakers attack EPA over costly water proposal** - 7/1/14 - Elected lawmakers – the people voters send to Washington to actually debate and pass laws – are staging a revolt against the Environmental Protection Agency's latest attempt to expand its regulatory authority through the Clean Water Act. <http://farmfutures.com/blogs-epas-latest-foe-congress-8689>

**Daily Caller - Republicans: EPA Rule Could Ruin Fourth Of July** - 7/1/14 - While Americans get ready for the thousands of fireworks shows that will be occurring across the country this weekend, Republicans are warning that pending federal water regulations could ruin fireworks displays next year. <http://dailycaller.com/2014/07/01/republicans-epa-rule-could-ruin-fourth-of-july/>

**The Hill - GOP to EPA: Don't douse Fourth of July fireworks** - 7/1/14 - A group of Senate Republicans are worried a new Obama administration proposal would put Fourth of July fireworks displays in jeopardy. <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/211106-senate-gop-to-epa-dont-take-away-our-fireworks>